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Visitation will be Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the funeral chapel, and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Claremont, with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the service at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church.

Emery was born in Claremont, SD. He was a lifelong resident of the community where he spent 65 years in the banking and insurance business. His strong belief in and commitment to the community and its rural values will be rewarded next year when his bank celebrates 100 years in business. While the love of his family and business were his life, he made time for living as well. He enjoyed many sports, including baseball, bowling, hunting, fishing, flying and a love of golf that he inherited from his parents. While he particularly loved his many fishing adventures to Canada, he always found time before and after work to pursue ducks, geese and pheasants in the fields and marshes of the local area. His quick wit and easy smile touched the lives of many people and his memoirs chronicle a living history of the Claremont area, its characters and their struggle to evolve and survive. A strong believer in education, he satisfied his wanderlust vicariously through the travel and adventures of his children. An innate curiosity manifested itself in a love of gadgets and he was often the first to try the latest innovation, whether it was a car, snowmobile, television set, airplane, golf cart or gator grip.

Emery is survived by his wife of 59 years, Helen Stohr and their four children and eight and one half grandchildren: Jeff and Faye Stohr (Jacob) of Claremont; Kim and Jeanne Stohr (Adrienne, Matthew, and Zachary) of Anchorage, AK; Chris Milanovich (Samuel, Nicholas, Stacey, Elizabeth) of Dickinson, ND; and Sarah and Mark Cotrupi and children of Nebraska City, NE.

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